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Owner: Everett S. Baldwin, Cheshire, Connecticut

Date of Erection: 1801

Architect or Builder: Russell Cook, Builder

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations
Clapboard exterior
Wood shingled roof
Brick chimney

Other Existing Records: Newspaper article in the New Haven Register, Section IV, Vol. LIV, #35, 1933.

Photographs by Samuel Chamberlain in "A Small House Under the Sun".

List of Photographs:

1. Southeast Elevation
2. West Elevation

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The land on which stands the Field House was once a part of Jonathan Hall's inheritance from his father, the Rev. Samuel Hall and when Jonathan sold it in 1801, he says 'beginning one rod north of my dwelling upon the highway'; this land contained one-half acre.

Russell Cook, the new owner, built the house and a building some thirty feet long, east and west, which was used for a store until he sold it in 1805 to Jeremiah Atwater and others. In 1828, it was sold to George and Samuel Cook and five years later, was again sold to Elihu Yale.

Elihu Yale was a prominent man and postmaster of the town; the post office was kept in the building in the yard south of the house. He disposed of the building to Miss Roxanna Hitchcock who in turn, sold to General William Horton.

After the death of William Horton, Eben Hoadley owned the house and he sold it to Mrs. Azabah Field, and then the house seemed to settle down to Mrs. Field and her descendants who kept the property until 1928, a period of sixty-eight years when it is remembered as a neighborly, hospitable home.

When Mr. Baldwin, the present owner, bought the place, he modernized it by putting in modern improvements, but the arrangement is as it was first built. The only exterior change was the building of an extension to the north.

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